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Wednesday, June 7, 1893.

Half a million of patents have been issued by the U. S. patent office since it was established. Patent No. 500,000 was issued to E. S. Hyde last week.

Ex-Secretary Charles Foster makes frank confession of the chief cause of his financial collapse by saying: "It is only just to myself to say that two things have caused my downfall—one was neglect of business occasioned by my devotion to politics, and the other to an over-zealous desire to build up Foster." This mixture of business with politics has proved disastrous to other Republican leaders than Mr. Foster.—New York Evening Post.

Navies Come High.

Some idea of the expense of running the cruiser Baltimore may be obtained from the report of her cruise last year. The total cost was \$307,744.77, or a daily average of \$843.13. The salaries of her thirty-one officers amounted to \$94,946.50. The latter item includes the expense of the mariners' salaries and allowances. The provisions for the crew and marine guard cost \$33,432.54. The officers pay for their own provisions. The coal used by the Baltimore cost \$47,175.68, and the other incidental expenses amounted to \$14,122.05.—New York Sun.

The attendance at the World's Fair during the month of May was not as large as expected, and the receipts were not large enough to pay the expenses. The official reports show that 1,050,087 persons paid to enter the fair grounds, of which 22,825 were children. The number who entered on passes during the same time was 346,391. In addition to the above 281,423 tickets were purchased but not presented at the gates. The entire receipts from sale of tickets amounted to \$354,498. The expenses of the fair were large, owing to the great amount of labor necessary to finish the buildings, walks, etc., and to pay contractors.

The Financial Outlook not Alarming. Commercial squalls will come perhaps, but nothing now presages a cyclone. The country has not been converting vast sums of floating into fixed capital; it has not been caught with a large number of incomplete railroads or enterprises of any description, and prices are generally low. There has been enough skepticism in financial and commercial circles during the past year to act as a brake on ambitious speculators and promoters, and we should be hopeful that such further liquidation as may be necessary will be conducted gradually rather than through the form of an acute commercial crisis.—George Rutledge Gibson in the June Forum.

Big Thing in the Moving Line.

The biggest thing of the kind ever attempted in Chicago is the moving of an eighty-room Ladin street apartment house around the corner through the intervening lots on Van Buren street. The Metropolitan "L" to secure a right of way found it necessary to buy the big structure and move it out of the way. A lot on Van Buren street was bought and the contract for the removal let. The building is a three-story brick, granite front and weighs somewhere in the neighborhood of 3,500 tons. Two weeks were required to raise it from its foundation by means of jackscrews and place it on the frame of the timbers containing about 200,000 square feet of lumber.

Reciprocity with a Club.

The operation of "reciprocity with a club" increases our imports from other nations materially, but does not increase our exports to those nations in anything like the same proportion. Thus the increase of imports from Germany, Nicaragua, Brazil, Cuba, etc., in periods of from one year to two years, aggregate \$127,704,874, while the increase of exports was only \$19,914,117. This indicates that the nations which have made agreements with us are largely reaping the benefits therefrom. If we are losers when the balance of the trade is against us, as some contend, then this country has the worst of the reciprocity dodge. When we had a reciprocity treaty with Canada, the balance of the trade was in favor of the United States, as we have before stated, between 1855 and 1890, to the amount of more than \$59,000,000.—Boston Transcript.

Immigration Decreasing.

The number of immigrants arrived at the principal ports in

April is officially stated at 75,261, against 90,595 in April last year. For the four months of the present calendar year the number of arrivals was 145,299, against 188,599 for the same time last year. Finally, for the ten expired months of the current fiscal year, the number was 334,825, against 453,958 during the same time last year, a decrease of 119,133, or more than 20 per cent. This is a considerable decrease, but still the influx is as great as is desirable. The decrease during the four months of the calendar year was 12,588 from Austria-Hungary, 12,166 from Germany, 8,447 from Poland, 14,383 from Russia and smaller numbers from the Scandinavian and some other countries. On the other hand, there was an increase of 1,453 from Italy and 5,521 from the United Kingdom, principally from Ireland. We still have no record of immigration from Canada, although it is known to be important and may be as much as 50,000 annually.

Cheapened Aluminium.

The production of aluminium in the United States in 1892 was 294,813 pounds—a figure which surprises persons who are unaware of the fact that the world's production is now nearly doubled every year. The old process of producing by means of sodium has been cheapened until it is possible to make aluminium at a cost of \$1 a pound. But by the Hall invention an electrical process—the cost has been reduced to 50 cents a pound. But the electrical method does not produce the metal in mass. The current is passed through a mixture of carbon and aluminium, with the result that the carbon takes the oxygen of the alumina free in fine particles, ready to mix with alloys. A recent invention of W. A. Baldwin facilitates the making of alloys. This inventor brings iron, for example, in a molten state in contact with the clay, bauxite or other aluminiferous material. Common salt, and charcoal are added. Thereupon chlorine is set free, the sodium and carbon unite with the oxygen of the alumina and the released aluminium is taken by the molten iron. This process is a very cheap one and has a future. The famous Damascus sword blades are said to owe their excellence to the aluminium taken up by steel fused in clay furnaces.

Arctic Expeditions.

The current summer promises to be a busy one in the Arctic circle. Norway sends Dr. Nansen, who proposes to enter the Arctic Ocean in a specially constructed vessel, with the expectation that the currents north of the New Siberian Islands will carry his vessel across the unknown polar space as the breeches of a sailor on the Jeanette were carried down Smith Sound to South Greenland.

Mr. Jackson has raised the money in England, says the Philadelphia Press, to land on Franz Josef Land and see what sledges can be taken to the North Pole over the level ice expanse. Lieut. Ryder, of Denmark, who has just made important additions to the East Greenland Coast, will continue his work there under Danish auspices. The glacial phenomena of South Greenland are under examination by a German expedition. It is possible, too, that an American expedition to the magnetic pole will go north this summer.

Five nations and six expeditions will, therefore, be at work this season within the polar circle. Nansen's expedition will cost \$80,000 or more. Jackson's trip will be at an expense of \$40,000. The German and Danish parties are in the field at a cost of \$30,000 or so. The cost of Peary's expedition will be from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

A Wise Law Repealed.

The Buffalo Enquirer makes note of the Michigan Legislature's repeal of the law which provided for the choice of presidential electors by districts, and offers the following comment:

Without regard to the motives which impelled the passage or the repeal of this law, it is evident that it provided a much fairer method of choosing electors than the system now in general use. Under the system adopted by Michigan last year it would be impossible to elect a President unless he had at least a plurality of the popular vote. Under the present system it is not only possible for the minority of the voters to elect a president, but they have done so a number of times. The Michigan case has created a great deal of discussion as to the danger of partisan legislation, but few have discerned that the law passed by a Democratic Legislature embodied a valuable principle, and that the principle was just as valuable notwithstanding the partisanship which impelled the passage of the act.

It is time that the United States awakened to the fact that the present system of choosing electors is

unfair and that it is liable at any time to lead to dangerous complications. We are liable to have an election some day at which the man who has received a large majority in the voting will be defeated. There is nothing to guarantee that the people will stand this sort of thing every time it happens. Idiotic laws are a dangerous tax upon the patience of the people when they work such great injustice as the ones now in force in the several states of the union are likely to do at any election.

Only a Seeming Loss.

When a leading New York paper makes the assertion that \$500,000,000 have been lost through the shrinkage of stock values in the country since the beginning of the present year, superficial readers may wonder how a general panic was avoided. That enormous sum is taken to represent the difference between the normal values of certain stocks some five months ago and the selling price now. While large sums have unquestionably been lost by speculators in these stocks, particularly in the class known as industrials, these losses have been in part counterbalanced by those who made sales at a profit. As between speculative dealers, what was one man's loss was another's gain, just as the loser at the gaming table transfers his money to the pockets of the winner.

Take the stocks as a whole, a careful analysis would probably show that they have not lost anything substantial. They were all more or less inflated. Letting the wind out of them may have brought them down nearer to earth without detracting in the least from their actual value. A dropsical body may even be improved in condition by letting the water out. These stocks, or most of them, had been watered so extravagantly that when the least pressure was put upon them they began to weep like a surcharged sponge. What they had lost was turgidity, not substantial value. The loss was seeming rather than real.

Taking a proper view of the matter, then, it is not so surprising that the business of the country should go on in much the usual way, notwithstanding the sudden disappearance of the \$500,000,000 alluded to. It was mainly the elimination of fictitious values which represented nothing but vicious financing, and whatever of actual working capital these corporations possessed in January they possess still. Those which have a substantial basis can recognize and earn all they are entitled to earn on the money invested. That will be better business than swindling the public with bloated securities. Legitimate trade and commerce are happily but little affected by the bursting of speculative bubbles.—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

Council Proceedings.

The Common Council of the city of Alpena met in regular session, in the Council Room, on June 5th, 1893, and was called to order at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. by the Mayor.

Present, Andrew Harshaw, Mayor; Wm. A. McDonald, Recorder, and Aldermen Wilson, Crawford, Manion, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck.

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that there be a call of the Council. Carried by the following vote: Ayes, Wilson, Crawford, Manion, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck. Nays, none.

Alderman D. A. Campbell appeared and took his seat at 10:45 o'clock. Roll call. Present, D. A. Campbell, Wilson, Crawford, Manion, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck.

Journal of session held May 27th, 1893, read and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The bills of A. Harshaw of \$59.50, and of Geo. B. Greening of \$48, for committee work at Lansing, were taken up.

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the bills of A. Harshaw and Geo. B. Greening be allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the same. Carried by vote as follows: Ayes, Wilson, Crawford, Manion, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck. Nays, D. A. Campbell.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From W. H. and S. A. Davidson, stating that they had been ordered by the Board of Health to remove the stagnant water from the basement of the Davidson block, and if they could not do that to fill the basement up, and asked that a sewer of proper capacity be laid on Second street.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Sewers, on motion of Alderman A. Campbell, by unanimous vote.

PETITIONS.

Several petitions asking for sidewalks, sewers, etc., were presented and by the chair referred to the Committee on Streets and Sewers.

REPORT OF OFFICERS.

From the Comptroller recommending the payment of the following bills:

Wm. A. McDonald, Recorder, \$25.00
W. V. Telegraph Co., \$22.25
Kerr & Jermin, \$22.25

Also, recommending the referring of several bills to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Moved by Alderman Daoust that the report of the Comptroller be received and his recommendations concurred in, and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the several amounts as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

Also, from the Comptroller, a report showing the conditions of the different funds on hand up to June 1st. Report accepted and ordered filed for future reference.

From the Chief of the Fire Department,

recommending the payment of the following bills:

Howe Co. No. 1, \$75.00
Howe Co. No. 2, \$75.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson that the report be received and warrants ordered drawn for the payments of the amounts as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Ways and Means recommending the payment of the following bills:

W. E. Ziegler, \$50.00
Holmes & Reynolds, \$25.00
Alpena Furnace, \$1.00
Albert Manning, \$2.25
Alpena Gas Co., \$2.25
Alpena Coal Co., \$4.10
Emery Martin, \$1.20
Howe Co. No. 1, \$75.00
Churchill Steam Laundry, \$7.15
J. A. Ryan, \$1.50
Johnson, Collins & Co., \$32.10
T. M. McLaughlin, \$4.00
B. McLaughlin, \$4.00
W. J. McLaughlin, \$2.50
Dunham & Son, \$2.50
C. D. Dutton, \$2.25
Chas. Cook, \$2.00

Moved by Alderman Wilson that the report of the committee be accepted and warrants ordered drawn for the payment of the several amounts as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

From the Committee on Fire Department, to whom was referred the petition asking for water mains laid on different streets, recommending that the following water mains be laid: On Sixth street, from Saginaw to Plains street. On Ninth street, between Saginaw and Tawas streets. On First street from Baldwin to Blair street, and on Blair street from First to Clinton street.

Moved by Alderman Crawford that the report of the committee be received and their recommendations concurred in, and the Water Co. instructed to lay the water mains as recommended. Carried by unanimous vote.

From the chairman of the special committee appointed to look into the advisability of purchasing a hook and ladder truck, stating that he had looked into the matter and found that the Segraves hook and ladder truck gave the best of satisfaction wherever used.

Moved by Alderman A. Campbell that the city purchase a hook and ladder truck of Segraves, at the price named in his bid submitted to the Council some time ago, he to accept a city order payable in 1894. Carried by vote as follows: Ayes, D. A. Campbell, Wilson, Crawford, Manion, A. Campbell, Daoust and Beck. Nays, none.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The liquor bond of Michael Pruett as principal, with Frank Lacombe and Oliver Potvin as sureties, and the liquor bond of Daniel McDougall as principal, with Angus C. McDougall and John J. Murphy as sureties, were presented.

Moved by Alderman Beck that the bonds of Michael Pruett and Daniel McDougall be accepted and the sureties thereon be approved. Carried by unanimous vote.

The druggist bond of Dougald McDonald, with D. D. Hanover and John Monaghan as sureties, was presented.

Moved by Alderman Daoust that the druggist bond of McDonald be accepted and the sureties thereon be approved. Carried by unanimous vote.

Moved by Alderman Wilson that the damage claim of Wm. McDonald, of Alpena township, be referred to a special committee to look into and report to the Council at next meeting. Carried by unanimous vote.

The chair appointed as such committee, Alderman Manion, Beck, D. A. Campbell and City Attorney.

Moved by Alderman Wilson that J. D. Turnbull be employed to assist the City Attorney in trying the cases of the city that are on the docket for the next term of the Circuit Court.

Alderman D. A. Campbell objected and the matter went over under the rules. On motion of Alderman A. Campbell the Council adjourned.

ANDREW HARSHAW, Mayor.

Wm. A. McDonald, Recorder.

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PROBATE ORDER.

State of Michigan, county of Alpena, ss. Probate Court for said county.

At a session of the Probate office in the city of Alpena, on the 5th day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, Present, Hon. George M. Slesser, Judge of Probate.

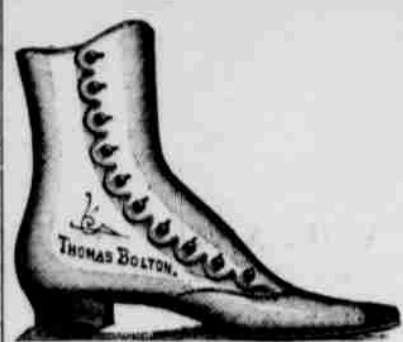
In the matter of the estate of Margaret Moffat, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of James Collins, administrator of the estate of Margaret Moffat, deceased, praying for a license to sell the real estate of said Margaret Moffat, deceased, the clerk of said court, do hereby certify that said petition is true and correct.

Thereupon it is ordered, that Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1893, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, then to be holden in the Probate office, in the city of Alpena, in said county, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted: And it is further ordered, that said petitioner give notice to the heirs at law, and all persons interested in said estate, of the pending of said petition, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the Alpena Argus, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, three consecutive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

GEO. M. SLESSER, Judge of Probate.

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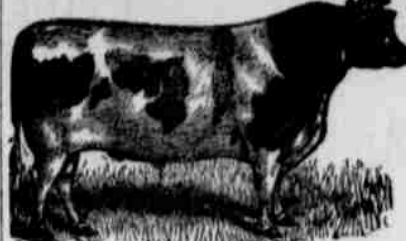
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Board of Review!

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 13th, 14th and 15th, 1893.

From 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 to 5 P. M., of said days, at which time all persons so desiring to do so may examine his or her assessment on said roll and may show cause, if any, why such valuation should be changed.

By order of the Common Council. ANDREW HARSHAW, Mayor. WM. A. McDONALD, Recorder.

Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Stubbs & Armstrong is dissolved by mutual consent. All accounts due the firm will be paid to our collector, Geo. Stubbs, and all debts against the firm will be paid by Geo. Stubbs.

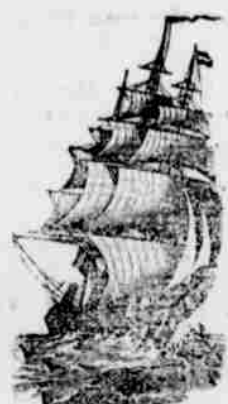
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